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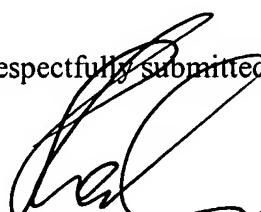
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SIR:

Applicant filed the present application on March 20, 2002 claiming priority to PCT/EP00/09207 and requested that the International Application be communicated by the International Bureau. A Notice of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. §371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 was mailed on May 28, 2002 (a copy is enclosed) acknowledging receipt of a copy of the International Application. The present Notice of Allowability is omitting acknowledgement of having received such documents.

The USPTO is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the priority document and Applicant's claim for foreign priority in a Supplemental Notice of Allowance or an equivalent paper.

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